this report. At present, developmental schemes and programmes as sanctioned by the Central and State Governments are being implemented by these two States. In addition, Special Central Assistance being provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the development of the tribal areas of these two States.

VHP and Bajrang Dal programme for construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya

†323. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the programme chalked out by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal for construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the programmes of the various organisations and the situation developing on the Ayodhya issue. In compliance with the Supreme Court's Judgement dated 24.10.1994 in the case of Dr. M. Ismali Faruqui etc. versus Union of India and others, relating to Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute, the Central Governement, as a statutory receiver, is duty bound to maintain the *status-quo,* as on 7.1.1993 in the disputed area.

Extension of Ceasefire with NSCN (IM)

324. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended the ceasefire with North-East based terrorist group NSCN (IM) for one year;

(b) if so, whether Government have consulted the affected North-East States ande political parties before arriving at this decision; if not, the reasons therefor and if so, the reasons for such confrontation and exploding situation;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.